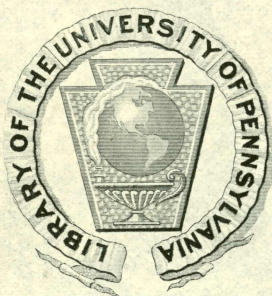


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Clerk in charge of the general office (signed).

of the Society for promoting mutual friendly relations between Russia and America.

§ 1. The object of this Society shall be: the promotion of friendly relations—business and social—between Russia and the United States of America and Canada.

b) in conformity with the existing regulations, issue periodical and non-periodical publications;

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c) organize the supply of informations for Americans about Russia and for Russians about America, and establish an exchange of such informations with other Societies and institutions;

d) promote the establishment of business relations between Russia and America in the domains of science, literature, industry, trade and commerce; however the Society does not contemplate the conduct of any private enterprise with a view of making commercial profit;

e) apply to proper government and social institutions in cases prompted by the object of the Society (1);

f) open branches in other cities in conformity with § 6 of these Statutes.

§ 3. The Society shall have the right:

a) on the decision of a General Meeting to organize from among its members committees for the consideration of separate questions and for the transaction of separate affairs named in § 2;

b) to have rooms for the Company's office, meetings and for its library;

c) to acquire by means of purchase, grant and bequests movable property and real estate, to dispose of such property and to hold it, to make contracts, to enter into agreement and to give undertakings, to sue and to be sued at law and generally to act as a corporation;

d) to have a social seal;

Note. The Council shall have the right to invite to the meetings of the Council

such expert persons as may be useful in examining questions under consideration at the above meetings.

§ 4. The members of the Society are entitled besides assisting at ordinary meetings convened by due notification:

a) to enter the rooms of the Society on fixed days for tea-parties, luncheons, dinners, suppers and for friendly intercourse;

b) to have socials with music and recitation.

Note 1. In the rooms of the Society a buffet may be opened and a dining room (liquors are not to be served).

Note 2. Besides members of the Society (§ 7) visitors may be introduced, on the recommendation and upon responsibility of two members. Admission fee for a visitor is one rouble for an evening; however the presence of visitors in the rooms of the Society is subject to the Law of March 4, 1906, concerning public meetings.

§ 5. The jurisdiction of the Society covers the ground of whole Russian Empire.

§ 6. In each locality where five or more members of the Society have their permanent residence a local branch of the Society may be organized with the Council's consent. Branches in their organization and in the exercise of all their functions should be guided by the present Statutes and by the instructions of the Council, approved by General Meeting of the Society. The Governor

(Gradonachalnik) of Petrograd should be notified about the opening of every new branch.

Note a) Branches have not the right to acquire real estate.

Note b) All sums deposited with the Treasurer of a branch shall be considered as the property of the Society. The expenditure of the above sums should be in agreement with the Council of the Society.

Note c) The activity of the branches, in organizing socials, literary evenings, theatrical performances etc. is subject to all existing enactments.

Note d) If a branch chooses to obtain status of a corporation, it should, with consent of the Council, submit to the local authorities its Statutes for the registration, in conformity with the Law of March 4, 1906.

Note e) In localities where there are branches of the Society, all kind of organizations on the basis of § 2 of these Statutes shall be initiated in the name of the Council of the Society; in this connection the Council of the Society shall have the right to empower branches to take into their hands the direct management of these organizations.

Note f) Each branch, for exercising its functions, shall elect from among its members a local Council composed of no less than three persons.



## **Membership.**

§ 7. The Council of the Society has its headquarters in Petrograd. The membership of the Society is not limited by any number. Members may be either Russian subjects or citizens of the United States of America or of Canada, provided they are entitled to be members of Societies organized in conformity with the Enactment of March 4, 1906.

§ 8. The Society is composed of Honorary Members, Life Members and Active Members.

§ 9. The Founders of the Society are those who signed the draft of these Statutes.

§ 10. Active Members, Life Members and Honorary Members may be persons of either sex, having the legal right to belong to organized societies.

Election of all Members with the exception of the Honorary Members, takes place at the meeting of the Council upon a written application and on proposal of three Members.

§ 11. Persons who have done considerable services in promoting the objects of the Society may be elected as Honorary Members by the General Meeting on a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Members present.

§ 12. The annual subscription for Members shall be ten roubles payable at periods fixed by the General Meeting. The Treasurer acknowledges

the remittance by a receipt. Those Members who remit one hundred roubles at one time shall be considered as Life Members. Honorary Members are not obliged to pay subscriptions.

§ 13. All Members of the Society shall have equal rights.

§ 14. Members withdraw from the Society in the following cases: 1) decease, 2) voluntarily withdrawal by means of written notice to the Council or the Annual General Meeting, 3) removal from the list of Members by the vote of a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members present at a General Meeting, 4) non-payment of the membership subscription within the terms fixed by the General Meeting.

### **Time and order of call of General Meetings and subject thereof.**

§ 15. General Meetings have to be convened by the Council by means of personal notifications to every Member at times when necessity arises, but not less than once a year. The notifications should be sent at least fourteen days before the day of the Meeting.

The first General Meeting after the registration of these Statutes shall be composed of the Founders of the Society as well as of persons invited by them, who appear as the first Members of the Society.

The first General Meeting, and in the following years the Annual General Meeting, called on

the expiration of each year not later than in March, shall elect Members of the Council and of the Auditing Committee, shall examine and approve the reports of the Council and of the Auditing Committee for the year expiring and the estimates for the ensuing year.

All questions shall be decided at the General Meeting by a simple majority of votes, with the exception of the cases shown in these Statutes.

A General Meeting shall be deemed to have been lawfully hold if the Members present constitute not less than oneltwentieth of all Members of the Society residing in Petrograd, and in any case not less than ten. Otherwise a second meeting shall be called and the second meeting shall be deemed to have been lawfully hold irrespectively of the number of Members present.

At the request of the Auditing Committee or of ten Membets of the Society a General Meeting shall be convened by the Council in fourteen days after the date of the above request.

### **Means of the Society.**

§ 16. The means of the Society are composed of membership dues, grants, bequests, incomes derived from lectures, recitations, exhibitions, publications organized by the Society; incomes on capital and real estate belonging to the Society, and of other unestimated incomes.



## **The Council.**

§ 17. The Council of the Society shall be composed of the President, two Vice-Presidents, six members and the Treasurer, elected by the General Meeting from among the members of the Society to hold office for one year. At the same meeting there shall be elected for each year two candidates. A meeting of the Council shall be deemed to have been lawfully hold if not less than five members have been present. The duties of all the members of the Council shall be performed without salary. The Secretary of the Council is appointed by the Council. He receives a salary and must not be a member of the Council.

§ 18. The Council represents the Society before third parties and transacts the business of the Society in the limits fixed by the General Meeting. It applies on behalf of the Society to Government Offices, makes contracts in the name of the Society and enters into engagements. The Council may also empower for this purpose one of its members or another person. The Council shall prepare reports to the General Meeting, examine all questions to be presented for decision by the General Meeting, prepare reports and estimates for the ensuing year and execute all orders of the General Meeting, convene meetings and elect members of the Society.

### **Accounts.**

§ 19. All communications of the Council should be signed by the President or his substitute and by the Secretary; postal notifications however, and those communications which appear as executions of the Council's minutes require signature of but one of the members of the Council.

§ 20. Subdivision of means into separate funds, order of designation, keeping in safe custody, disbursement and accounts are to be complied with the decision of the General Meeting.

§ 21. To examine the financial report of the Council there shall be elected by the General Meeting an auditing committee, to hold office for one year, composed of three members, which must not be members of the Council.

### **Order of alterations of the statutes.**

§ 22. No amendment or alterations shall be made to the statutes unless decided by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at the General Meeting and submitted by the Council for registration in compliance with the existing rules on the subject.

### **Dissolution of the Society.**

If the Society dissolves itself all its property becomes subject to art. 29, subdivision 1 of the Law of March 4, 1906.

**The founders of the Society are:**

*Philip A. Iwanoff*, Member of the Council of Empire, mining engineer.

*Nicolas S. Kurnakoff*, Privy Councillor, Professor of Chemistry at the High School of Mines, mining engineer.

*Wladimir I. Pohitonoff*, Graduate of the Imperial University of Petrograd.

*Michael J. Yantzyn*, Artillery captain retired.

*Nicolas A. Borodin*, Councillor of State.





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